

Slip Away

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THE SONG

Em (walk down E, D#, D, C#)
 I'm tired of how you roam.
 Em
 You're wired unlike any guy I've known.
 Am7
 It's like your feet ain't got no home.
 G B7
 Your back ain't got no bone.

CHORUS

Am Em
 Spineless at work. Spineless at play.
 Am Em
 Spineless in the night. Spineless in the day.
 Am Em
 Spineless in love. Spineless at war.
 Am
 You may be smart, but you
 B7 B7
 Don't even know what a spine is for.
 Em Am7 B7
 You just slip-a, slip-a, slip-a, slip-a, slip-away.
 Em Am7 B7
 You just slip-a, slip-a, slip-a, slip-a, slip-away.
 Em Am7 B7
 You just slip-a, slip-a, slip-a, slip-a, slip-away.

VERSE

Em
 I'm tired of how we fight.
 Em
 I roll up my sleeves; you run and hide.
 Am7
 I bare my soul; you choose to lie.
 G B7
 Shift so naturally into your old disguise.

REPEAT CHORUS

THE SCIENCE

The octopus is an invertebrate, which means it has no backbone.

Octopuses are not wired the way humans are. They have way more neurons in their arms than in their brains, which is the opposite of us.

Our brain is the boss of our central nervous system; our arms can't move unless our brain tells them to move. Each octopus arm, however, has its own nervous system, which means that each tentacle has a "mind" of its own. Studies show that when an octopus arm is cut off, the arm can behave as if it were still attached.

Octopuses are incredibly intelligent. Not only do they find new and creative ways to survive attacks from predators, but also they have the ability to learn geography, remember human faces, and solve puzzles.

Octopus skin is made up of cells shaped like tiny balloons filled with pigment. These pigment-filled cells allow them to instantly change their appearance to match their surroundings. What's really awesome is that they can change not only their skin color, but also their skin texture, taking camouflage to the next level. They can change the size of the bumps on their skin to look as coarse as coral or as smooth as the sand at the bottom of the ocean.

BRIDGE

Em

Your arms are never

Am7/Em/Am7

where I want them to be.

G

If I tried to lock you in, you'd find

B7/Cdim7/B7

a way to be free.

OUTRO

Em

Oh I see you now—going astray.

Em

Writin' me off in a cloud of ink

Am7/Am7 add G/Em

and slipping away.

Aside from the beak and brain case, both of which are small, octopuses are entirely squishy. This means that they can squeeze through small spaces. They can also undo latches, locks and knots, which make them incredibly difficult to keep in captivity. Even if they lose a limb, a new one easily grows back, just as good as the first.

When an octopus is threatened, it can release a dark fluid from a handy sac. The ink can confuse, irritate, and even physically harm predators.